

House Resolution No. 1566

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to preserving the diverse American heritage through contemporary celebrations honoring ethnicity and history; and

Whereas, the Kansas City Saint Andrew Society has attained considerable distinction since its establishment with a mission to educate the general public concerning the contributions of individuals whose family lineage can be traced to Scotland; and

Whereas, on Saturday, April 2, 2005, the Kansas City Saint Andrew Society will sponsor a local Tartan Day in celebration of Scottish cultural and societal roots in America; and

Whereas, Wednesday, April 6, 2005, represents the Six Hundred Eighty-fifth Anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath which provided a model for the American Declaration of Independence some four hundred years later; and

Whereas, almost half of the signers of the American Declaration of Independence and nine governors of the original thirteen states were of Scottish ancestry; and

Whereas, the local Tartan Day celebration sponsored by the Kansas City Saint Andrew Society will take place in Loose Park at 51st Street and Wornall Road in Kansas City; and

Whereas, in addition to the playing of "Scotland the Brave" by the Kansas City Saint Andrew Pipe and Drum Band, local Tartan Day observances will include the Greeting of the Clans in Gaelic and English, "A Wee Bit of Scottish History", an Invocation, a reading of "Scots Wa Hae" by Robert Burns, a Parade of Clans led by the Saint Andrew Color Guard, and a picnic; and

Whereas, the Kansas City Saint Andrew Society was established on January 8, 1914, by twelve Scottish American men; received a charter from the state of Missouri on February 12, 1914; and has grown to a membership of seven hundred men and women:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, stellar history of the Kansas City Saint Andrew Society and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful National Tartan Day on April 6, 2005, and a local observance on April 2, 2005; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Kansas City Saint Andrew Society.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Johnson
District No. 47

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1566, adopted March 29, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker